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Seasonal Activities Offered at Historic Sites

Fall has arrived, and to mark the start of this year's harvest season, the Fairfax County Park Authority is hosting two entertaining, family-friendly programs at popular historic sites. On September 30, 2006, participants can learn the art of scarecrow making at Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls, as well as learning about the history of the region's most important grain, corn, at Sully Historic Site in Chantilly. Both sites are Virginia landmarks listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Add a little personality to your garden or lawn with the addition of a functional or decorative homemade scarecrow. Bring your old clothes and panty hose (for the head and body) to Colvin Run Mill. Site staff will provide the stuffing and instruction. The cost is \$5 per scarecrow and the program runs from noon until 2 p.m.

Colvin Run Mill is an award-winning restored, 19th century gristmill. The fully operational mill is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls, VA. Call 703-759-2771 for more information.

Lend us your ear at Sully Historic Site and learn the fascinating tale of corn, from kernel to kitchen. This Jamestown 2007 event includes demonstrations on how to cook corn "mush" and "pone", fancy corn breads and delectable corn side-dishes.

The cost of the program is \$5 per person and includes a tour of the house, built in 1794 by Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first representative to congress. The house is furnished with antiques of the Federal period. Outbuildings include a kitchen, smokehouse, and stone dairy. After the event, visit the formal and kitchen gardens which complement the house.

The program is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 703-437-1794 for more information.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3601 Sully Road in Chantilly, VA.

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